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TO: File

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RE: Field Inspection, Interstate Brick Company, White Mountain Mine, M/001/005, Beaver County, Utah

Holland Shepherd and I visited the White Mountain minesite on July 7, 1988 to verify whether reclamation work had been performed according to Division recommendation. Some difficulty was encountered in reaching the site due to the complexity of roads which now exist in the general area. The maps in the mine file are not as detailed as they could be in helping locate the site. Also there are a number of similar disturbances in the general vicinity of the Kaolin #1, 2 & 3 Claims (i.e., White Mountain Mine) which add to the confusion in identifying the specific site. We confirmed the correct minesite by locating a recent affidavit of assessment work which was posted onsite.

Originally the application was filed as a full scale mining operation. Actual site disturbance amounts to approximately two (2) acres or less. Interstate Brick notified the Division on November 24, 1986 that the mine site had been reclaimed according to Division recommendations as outlined in our August 8, 1986 letter to the operator. No one from the Division had visited the site to confirm that the reclamation had been completed.

It appeared that the majority of the regrading and seeding work had been performed. Revegetation success could not be readily confirmed. The disturbed site lacked sufficient vegetation to allow positive identification of the species which were to have been reseeded on the site. Some residual berming remained below the disturbed area, which was likely intentional. The operator's November 24, 1986 letter indicated that a minimal amount of disturbance would not be reclaimed due to the validity of some of the claims under a new property owner.

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The reclaimed area did not exhibit 70% vegetative success as compared to the adjacent native vegetation. However, it is the staff's opinion that the cover is sufficient to release the operator from any further revegetation obligation. There is only a minor amount of surface disturbance (less than 2 acres) and a good native seed source in the adjacent area. Natural revegetation of the site will occur within a short time period. It is recommended that this file be retired and the operator be formally released from his reclamation obligation.

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